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In re Application of:

William T. Rochford, et al

EXPANSION OF COLOR GAMUT
FOR SILVER HALIDE MEDIA

Serial No. 10/600,212

Filed 20 June 2003

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Examiner: Schilling, Richard L.

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This is in response to the Final Rejection mailed March 21, 2005 in the above-captioned application.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 13-16, 19, and 20 are rejected. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 13-16, 19, and 20 are presently pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action mailed on 3/21/2005 the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-9, 13-17, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as obvious over Aylward et al. for the same reasons as set forth in paragraph 2 of the Final Rejection, filed 8/9/2004. In paragraph 2 of the 8/9/2004 Office Action the Examiner states that Aylward et al. discloses laminating a sheet with a pattern over a dye image formed from couplers in a photographic element. The pattern may be applied with pen or inkjet. The photographic elements may also contain printed patterns of colored microdots. The Examiner states that if Aylward et al. does not anticipate the instant claims